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Honorable William J. Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

The chairman of the Committee on Armed Services recently established a full committee panel on the transfer of defense-related technology to foreign nations. I have been afforded the opportunity to chair that panel.

The panel has been directed to examine the present state of the transfer of U.S. technology to foreign nations, and particularly the direct or indirect transfer of such technology to the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact nations.

The panel will attempt to identify those technologies that, if compromised, would have a significant impact on U.S. national security. It will evaluate the process by which such technology is transferred. And it will assess the procedures used by the Departments of Commerce, Defense and State to ensure against the compromise of technology and defense articles that significantly impact on U.S. defense capabilities.

The panel will require the assistance of your organization in completing our task. I am writing to request that assistance. Although a hearing schedule has not yet been determined, it is likely that we will ask for a witness from your organization to testify before the panel. I would appreciate knowing who in your organization would be most appropriate as a witness given the tasking we face. In addition a point of contact within your organization that can assist the panel staff in coordinating activities and in gathering information would be most helpful. The name of the witness and the point of contact can be relayed to Bob Emmerichs (225-6873) or Alan Chase (225-9647) of the panel staff.

I consider the issue the panel is addressing to be of extraordinary importance to our future security. I hope that, together, we can ensure that the laws and procedures governing the transfer of technology will maximize that security. I look forward to your assistance to that end.

Sincerely,

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Chairman,  
Technology Transfer Panel

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